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Thanks for all your work on the MS antitrust case. Strong antitrust protections are a major component of a functioning capitalist economy, so you folks are doing the Lord's work, so to speak.

As the obscurity and malleability of the APIs of Microsoft's products has damaged everyone, please consider amending the proposed settlement to require MS to disclose their APIs and source to anyone and everyone. Otherwise, it will be a carrot that MS will use to keep other software and hardware vendors in line, to extend their monopoly to the detriment of all.

Thanks much,

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